

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This year's Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday, 12th November, 2017 and it was a beautiful sunny day, however a wind was blowing which made it extremely cold, but nonetheless once again there was a great turn out, every year I can report more and more people attend especially younger people. All the local businesses and organisation were in attendance and placed their poppy wreaths, but this year we had a wonderful surprise, a little girl by the name of Grace placed her own poppy wreath. Grace is three years old and made her own wreath. I wonder if anywhere else in the country, there was anyone as young as Grace who placed their own wreath

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:



Last month I reported there had been a slight decrease in the number of missed appointments, however, I am sorry to say there has once again been an increase. In October, 2017 184 appointments were missed: this is equivalent to 46 per week and a total of 42 hours wasted, but I am pleased to say this year's figure is down on October, 2016 when 249 appointments were missed.

Our surgery offers an appointment texting service. If you have a mobile phone, inform the receptionists who will text you the day prior to your appointment, hopefully this will limit the number of missed appointments. Waiting times for appointments can be long but this can be overcome with patients' help, if you are unable to keep your appointment, please cancel it and allow someone else the chance to have it."



AN OLD CHESTNUT!!

Once again I have been asked to remind pet owners about picking up after their pets. Before you say anything, I know it isn't all animal lovers who are at fault, but just the few. Some owners even allow their pets to foul outside resident's homes as well as allowing them to foul on footpaths, playing fields, open spaces and other walkways. To all those owners who don't pick up after their animals, can I please ask you to start doing it, we as human beings wouldn't dream of not flushing the toilet after use, animals don't have our intelligence and can't think for themselves, let us do it for them and in the process help to clean up our streets and open spaces.



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

On Wednesday, 6th December, 2017 there will be a special meeting of the Partnership to discuss what our village plans to do in 2018 the mark 100 years since the ending of World War One. The meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and everyone is welcome to attend and to voice their thoughts and ideas



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Watling Wood was discussed and it was felt a new sign was required: it was also thought that the fencing could be removed and this would allow for the grass verges to be cut, however if it wasn't removed it should be replaced. The dipping platform in the wood has been enlarged but at the moment there is no water, as the bullrushes have soaked it all up. The natural spring is still there but the bullrushes need to be cleaned out

As a result of the new V5 bus service it was felt a 'bus stop was now necessary at the Hat and Feather.

The meeting was informed on Saturday, 18th November, 2017, between 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. the 'Deli Counter' will host 'decoration making': these decorations will be placed on the Christmas tree which will be situated in the Cricket Club ground and the Christmas lights will be switched on at 6 p.m. on 25th November, 2017.

Recently there has been vandalism in Durham Road - approximately 20 vehicles have been damaged, if you have any information please inform the Police.

The editor of the newsletter informed the meeting a donation had been received from the former Leadgate Historical Society towards the printing costs and a letter of thanks will be sent. The meeting was also informed that the copyright for the Leadgate Books, which Mr. Bill STOCKDALE produced, has now passed to another organisation which will be named later.

Plans to commemorate 100 years since World War One ended were discussed and it was felt that the partnership could purchase a silhouette of a World War One soldier, being sold by the Royal British Legion and placed at the Jolly Drivers roundabout, another silhouette possibly purchased by another organisation could be placed at the roundabout at the bottom of Durham Road. A pattern for knitted poppies has been obtained and anyone interested in knitting some can obtain a copy of it from the Community Centre foyer.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

NEW ROAD/VILLA REAL BRIDGE:

The issue regarding the proposed revised speed limits is to be discussed and decided by Councillors on the Durham County Council (DCC) Highways Committee which is scheduled to meet on Monday, 20th November, 2017 – we await their decision with interest and how they plan to monitor and enforce the new speed limits.

EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE (THE TUTE):

The Derwent Valley Allstars – a Cheerleading/Gymnastics Group have agreed to have specific and sole access to the upper hall on five weekday evenings (4pm – 9pm) – due to commence in February, 2018 following improvements/alterations (new toilets and a new dance floor to be installed).

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:

The second meeting with the NHS and CCG is scheduled for 15th December, 2017 and local Councillors will be allowed to review and scrutinise the findings from the NHS regarding the options to be submitted to provide a Community Hospital provision in the Shotley Bridge/Consett locality.

THE ROXY:

Access to grant support from an Art & Leisure foundation is being progressed by Business Durham to assist the provision of financial resources to progress the development work on the old Roxy Cinema.

BRADLEY OPEN CAST:

Councillors have been advised that the 'Banks Group' have acquired the rights from UK Coal to open cast the Bradley Site and are currently in discussions with the landowners to finalise approval for the mineral rights.

There is a significant amount of pre-application conditions to be complied with before the 3rd June, 2018 deadline to satisfy the requirements of the Planning Inspector's findings from the public inquiry decision issued on 3rd June, 2015.

Councillors have stressed several concerns regarding the development of the site, especially the access issues leading onto the very busy A.692 road, as well as the restoration bonds to the value of £5.04 million and the Community Fund proposal of 10p per tonne. Banks Group Officers have requested that a liaison group (from the various stakeholder) – Councillors will be engaging with local organisations and interested residents to formulate representatives from our area.

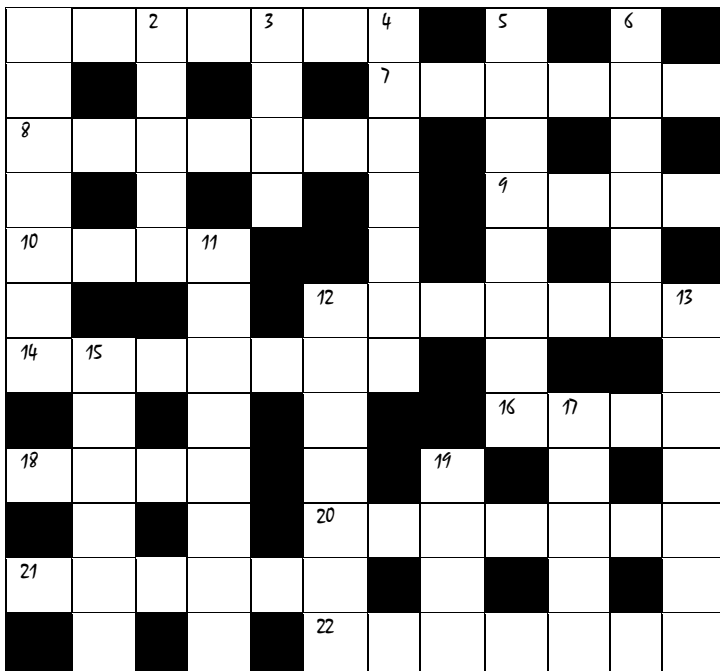
Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125 327)

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NO POLICE REPORT THIS MONTH

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Short axe (7) | 1. Topmost (7) |
| 7. Place where bees are kept (6) | 2. Vestige (5) |
| 8. Slow and steady (7) | 3. Sixty minutes (4) |
| 9. Applaud (4) | 4. High chest of drawers (7) |
| 10. Fencing sword (4) | 5. Nobleman (8) |
| 12. Liked by many (7) | 6. Fleet of ships (6) |
| 14. Weekday (7) | 11. Hold as sacred (8) |
| 16. Discretion (4) | 12. Kneecap (7) |
| 18. Head covering (4) | 13. Gives up work (7) |
| 20. Tanned hide (7) | 15. Planet (6) |
| 21. Underground passage (6) | 17. Detest or despise (5) |
| | 19. Moderately hot (4) |

/Answers overleaf



SANTA'S PARADE :

On Saturday, 9th December, 2017 Santa's Parade will be leaving the Engine Shed which is along from the 'Old Co-op Building' at 1.30 p.m. and will travel to Villa Real Roundabout and then back to Leadgate Cricket Club at 1.45 p.m., where the Club will be holding a Christmas Party. Between 2.15 – 2.45 p.m. it will travel to St. Ives Church: between 3 - 3.20 p.m. it will be in Tyne Avenue: 3.45 – 4.15 p.m. it will be in Watling Street and at 4.30 p.m. it will be at the Community Centre



CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On Monday, 18th December, 2017 a Christmas Concert by the Gibside Singers will be held at St. Ives church. Doors will open at 7 p.m., tea, coffee, mince pies and a raffle will be provided. The concert will commence at 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased before hand or can be obtained at the door: the cost is £8.00 per adult: £7.00 for concessions and £4.00 per child. Tickets can be obtained by telephoning 01434 673777; by e mail on manager@lifespanteam.org.uk or fundraising@lifespanteam.org.uk All proceeds will be donated to 'Lifespan'



The Editor of the newsletter and the committee of the Partnership would like to thank Leadgate and District Historical Society for the recent donation they have made which will help to ensure the newsletter continues for a little while longer.

ST. IVES' 100 CLUBS' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for October, 2017 are as follows:
1st prize – No. 54: 2nd prize – No. 89:



UNANSWERABLE QUESTION:

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in' ... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?





DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 2017



1st Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall



2nd Salvation Army's Christmas coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



6th Special meeting of the Partnership at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre to discuss plans to commemorate 100years since World Ware One ended



9th Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall



9th Santa's Parade commencing at 1.30 p.m. today at the Engine Sheds.
11th Salvation Army's Women's Fellowship Christmas buffet, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall

12th Joint Schools Christmas Service at St. Ives Church (this date is provisional)



15th Leadgate Primary Christmas Fayre and raffle held at Upper School (Alder Grove) from 2 p.m.

16th St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre



18th Leadgate Women's Institute Christmas Party, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre

18th 'A Christmas Concert by the Gibside Singers at St. Ives' Church, doors open at 7pm



20th Leadgate Primary School, Keystage 2, Years 3-6, Christmas Coffee Morning/ Assembly 9.30 a.m.



Services The following times may be subject to change:

Christmas Eve:

Brooms' Church Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.
with carol service, mass at 7.30 p.m.
St. Ives' Church midnight mass at 7.30 p.m.
Salvation Army at 11 p.m. 'Carols by Candlelight'

Christmas Day:

St. Ives Church Christmas Morning service at 9 a.m.
Leadgate Methodist Church service at 10 a.m.



Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Leadgate Workingmen's Club.



The Centre's Legacy Gym is open every morning except

Sunday between 9 am - 12 noon and Monday to Friday between 5 pm - 7 pm
Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every Tuesday 9.15 am - 11 am, it's just £1 per child



Please note, there will no newsletter in December.

If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 17th January, 2018 the contact names and telephone numbers are as follows:

Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES, 01207 506326.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Hatchet: 7 Apiary: 8 Gradual: 9 Clap: 10 epee: 12 Popular: 14 Tuesday: 16 Tact: 18 Hair: 20 Leather: 21 Tunnel: Admirers. **DOWN:** 1 Highest: 2 Trace. 3 Hour: 4 Tallboy: 5 Viscount: 6 Armada: 11 enshrine: 12 Patella: 13 Retires: 15 Uranus: 17 Abhor: 19 Warm.